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SUBJ: HUNGER STRIKE/MISSING PERSON: ALEXEI VLADIMIR JACCARD

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1. THE VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION HERE, AFFIRMED JUNE 8 THAT ALEXEI VLADIMIR JACCARD SIEGLER -- OF POSSIBLY BOTH CHILEAN AND SWISS NATIONALITIES -- IS MISSING, BUT IN ARGENTINA NOT CHILE. JACCARD WAS AT ONE TIME THOUGHT TO HAVE DISAPPEARED IN CHILE AND WAS LISTED BY THE VICARIATE. HE IS NO LONGER LISTED AND, ACCORDING TO THE VICARIATE, APPEARS INSTEAD ON AN ARGENTINE LIST OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS.

2. A VICARIATE MISSING PERSONS REPORT ON JACCARD PREPARED LAST YEAR GAVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT: MARRIED, RESIDING IN SWITZERLAND, 25 YEARS OF AGE. JACCARD DISAPPEARED IN BUENOS AIRES ON MAY 16, 1977. THE FOLLOWING DAY, ARGENTINE POLICE WENT TO THE HOTEL WHERE HE STAYED AND REMOVED ALL HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS. THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA LATER INFORMED THE SWISS EMBASSY THAT JACCARD HAD TRAVELED TO SANTIAGO ON MAY 26 ON A VARIOUS CONFIDENTIAL

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AIRLINES FLIGHT. THAT AIRLINE LATER CONFIRMED IN SANTIAGO THAT JACCARD'S NAME FIGURED ON THE PASSENGERS LIST. JACCARD IS SHOWN AS TRAVELING WITH AN ARGENTINE PASSPORT, (COMMENT: INTERPOL HERE TELLS US IT WAS AN ARGENTINE CARNET) THOUGH HE DID NOT HAVE THAT NATIONALITY AND, AT THE TIME HE DISAPPEARED, HE POSSESSED A SWISS PASSPORT. THE CHILEAN POLICE REPORTED THAT A PERSON NAMED JACCARD

ENTERED THE COUNTRY, STAYING IN A SANTIAGO HOTEL. DURING HIS ALLEGED STAY, HE DID NOT VISIT HIS RELATIVES, ALTHOUGH THAT HAD BEEN A PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP. RELATIVES IN CHILE WHO LATER INSPECTED THE HOTEL'S REGISTER ASSERTED THAT THE SIGNATURE ON THE BOOK WAS NOT THAT OF JACCARD'S. THE PERSON REPORTED TO BE JACCARD LATER TRAVELED TO MONTEVIDEO, WHERE HIS ENTRY IS OFFICIALLY NOTED.

3. THE VICARIATE NOW SAYS IT LEARNED THAT THE MAN SAID TO BE JACCARD LATER TRAVELED TO ARGENTINA, WHERE HE DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT. FOR THAT REASON, THE VICARIATE HAS ERASED JACCARD'S NAME FROM ITS CHILEAN DISAPPEAREDS LIST.

4. GENEVA PLEASE TRANSMIT REF (A) TO BUENOS AIRES.
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